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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] Figure 1a is a schematic diagram of the portions of interest of a circular saw machine according to the invention, according to a first exemplary embodiment;

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0025]:

[0025.1] Figure 1b is a view similar to Figure 1a showing a circular saw machine with replacement guides for a smaller diameter blade;

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] Figure 2a is a diagram similar to Figure 1a, showing changing of the saw blade;

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0026]:

[0026.1] Figure 2b is a diagram similar to Figure 1b showing the replacement guides being installed;

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following amended paragraph:

[0035] The portion shown in Figure 1a of a circular saw machine according to the invention substantially includes a saw blade 1, seated on a drive shaft 2 on a drive housing 3. A rearward 4 and a forward saw blade guide 5 support two respective contact surfaces 6 which slidably abut on the side surfaces of the saw blade 1 and ensure an accurate guiding thereof during sawing. The entire functional block shown here of the circular saw machine can be moved back and forth in a pivoting movement in a rotation plane of the saw blade for the sawing process.

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Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] The saw blade guides 4, 5 used in this first embodiment are, as clearly shown in Figure 2a, plate-shaped and interchangeable. In particular, the forward saw blade guide is comprised of an interchangeable plate; a handle 7 facilitates interchanging. The rearward saw blade guide 4 comprises, strictly speaking, two plate portions, each of which supports a contact surface 6. The contact surfaces 6 include, as clearly seen here, four hard metal plates arranged flat for abutment on the saw blade 1, here removed. Only the larger plate portion is interchanged in the case of the rearward saw blade guide 5; the smaller plate portion is simply turned around at the fastenings provided there, so that the corresponding contact surface 6 comes to lie further inward or further outward, in order to undertake the required adaptation to the different saw blade diameter. Interchangeable saw blade guides 4', 5' for a smaller diameter blade 1' are shown in dashed lines in Figures 1b and 2b. The contact surfaces are indicated at 6' for the smaller diameter blade 1'.